(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that naxalites possess such sophisticated weapons that are not available even with the police force of naxal affected States;

(d) if so, whether Government are taking any action for modernization of policy force in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration to involve army in tackling the naxalite menace.

(c) to (e) Naxal groups are reported to have modern weapons. The Central Government provides funds to the States including the naxal affected States under the Police Modernization Scheme to modernize their police forces in terms of modern weaponry, latest communication equipment, mobility and other infrastructure. In the last 4 years (2002-03 to 2005-06), Rs. 1513.11 crores have been given under this Scheme to the nine States badly affected by naxalism.

Dual citizenship

2619. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far it is a fact that Government have decided to confer dual citizenship;

(b) if so, the number of persons expected to be conferred dual citizenship; and

(c) what are the criteria taken consideration for offering dual citizenship to a person?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Scheme, commonly known as dual citizenship, has been made operational from 02.12.2005.

(b) No such estimates are available. However, it is expected that large number of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) will avail registration under the Scheme.

(c) A foreign national, who was eligible to become citizen of India on 26.01.1950 or was a citizen of India on or at anytime after 26.01.1950 or belonged to a teritory that became part of India after 15.08.1947 and his/her children and grand children, provided his/her country of citizenship allows dual citizenship in some form or other under the local laws, is eligible for registration as OCI. Minor children of such persons are also eligible for OCI. However, if the applicant had ever been a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh, he/she will not be eligible for OCI.

Financial support to Hindi Rajbhasha

2620. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions/recommendations from Parliamentary Rajbhasha Committee and Ministry of Home Affairs for providing encouragement and financial support to Hindi Rajbhasha;

(b) if so, the details thereof the Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government are not willing o accept the recommendations/suggstions made by the Committee; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee on Parliament on Official Language have so far submitted eight volumes of its Report to the President in which suggestions have been made for providing encouragement and financial support to Rajbhasha Hindi.

Out of these, the first seven Volumes have been placed on the table of Rajya Sabha on 08.05.1987, 30.03.1988, 27.12.1989, 29.08.1990, 09.03.1994, 18.04.2001 and 11.12.2002 respectively.

After considering the views received from the State Governments/Union Territories and various Ministries/Departments on the recommendations made in these volumes of the Report, while accepting some of the recommendations as it is, some of them partially and rejecting some others, the Presidential orders were passed on 30.12.1998, 29.03.1990, 04.11.1999, 28.01.1992, 24.11.1998, 17.09.2004 and 13.07.2005 respectively.